

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An image processing apparatus comprising:
 - a first display section configured to display one or more of a plurality of images;
 - a first category designation section configured to designate one category from among a plurality of categories, provided to each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section;
 - a classification section configured to categorize each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into one or more categories designated by the first category designation section;
 - a second category designation section configured to designate one or more categories among the one or more categories classified by the classification section;
 - a reduced image display section configured to display reduced images of said images, each of which belongs to any of the one or more categories designated by the second category designation section;
 - a selection section configured to select two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the reduced image display section;
 - a comparison image display section configured to display the two or more images selected by the selection section;
 - an image processing section configured to perform at least one image

processing of reducing processing, enlarging processing, and moving processing on the two or more images displayed in the comparison image display section; and

a selective designation section configured to select and designate an image from among the images displayed through the comparison image display section.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first display section includes any one of a browse display section configured to display a plurality of reduced images in an array, and a view display section configured to display one single image.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a storage control unit for grouping one or more images selected and designated through the selective designation section and storing the grouped images into the same area in a recording medium.

Claims 5 and 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) An image processing method comprising:
a first step of displaying one or more images of a plurality of images;
a second step of designating a category to which each of the one or more images belongs, by means of a category designation section provided to each of the one or more images;
a third step of classifying each of the one or more images displayed through

the first display section into the category designated by the second step;

a fourth step of displaying reduced images of images that belong to any one or more of the categories classified by the third step;

a fifth step of selecting two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the fourth step ;

a sixth step of displaying the two or more images selected in the fifth step in a comparison image display section;

a seventh step of performing at least one image process of reducing, enlarging, and moving of the two or more images displayed in the sixth step; and

an eighth step of selecting and designating an image from among the images subjected to image processing in the seventh step.

Claims 8-25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) An image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit for storing a plurality of images in a recording medium;

a reduced image display section configured to display images stored in the recording medium, each displayed image belonging to any one or more categories designated by a category designation section, said images being reduced in size for inclusion in the reduced image section;

a selection section configured to select two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the reduced image display section;

a comparison image display section configured to display the two or more images selected by the selection section;

an image processing section configured to simultaneously perform at least one of reducing, enlarging, and moving the two or more images displayed in the

comparison image display section to facilitate a selection of one of said two or more images; and

a selective designation section configured to select and designate an image from among the images displayed through the comparison image display section.

27. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein the comparison image display section is further configured to select for display images having at least one category designation in common.

28. (New) An image processing method comprising:
a first step of storing a plurality of images in a recording medium;
a second step of providing at least one category designation to each of the plurality of images;
a third step of displaying images stored in the recording medium in a reduced image display, said displayed images being reduced in size for inclusion in said reduced image display section;
a fourth step of selecting two or more images from among the images displayed in the reduced image display section for display in a comparison image display section;
a fifth step of simultaneously performing processing comprising at least one of reducing, enlarging, and moving of the two or more images displayed in the comparison image display section to facilitate selection of one of the two or more images displayed in the in the comparison image display section; and
an sixth step of selecting and designating an image from among the images subjected to image processing in the fifth step.

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29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein one of step three and step four further comprises selecting for display images having at least one category designation in common.